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## Sports

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## Celebrity Buzz

### High-cost divorce likely for Gibson



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### Council looks at possible budget cuts

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**DEFICIT** Cutbacks to snow removal, getting rid of the city's trolley buses a year early, closing down a pool and reducing hours at recreation centres are all ideas that administration will be floating to city council this morning. Administration will be giving a report to council that will contain a list of measures that will save the city \$6 million and that includes eliminating a retainer to ensure the city has enough staff in plowing roads during a snowstorm.

The elimination of the retainer will save the city roughly \$1.75 million, the report said.

The report also says the city could be facing a \$35 million deficit, up from an earlier prediction of \$30 million.

## Travel pg 11



### Lisbon's hot, lazy beaches

### Winter Heavy snowfall hits capital region



Fiona Angus, a professor at Grant McEwan, enjoyed a snowy outing in Ezio Faraone Park yesterday morning with her dog, Trevor. Environment Canada issued a heavy snowfall warning during the morning for the capital region.

### Police probe suspicious death

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**SHERWOOD PARK** Mounties in Sherwood Park say they are taking advantage of fresh snow during yesterday morning's blizzard to find out how a woman mysteriously died along a walking path near an elementary school.

A woman was found by someone walking along

the path sometime before 6:45 a.m. near Mills Haven Elementary School, Mounties said.

"(The woman) is on the younger side, but we don't know for certain how old she is," said Strathcona RCMP spokesman Wally Henry.

Police had blocked off the path, but classes at the school resumed as investigators were seen looking for clues.

Henry says police will be looking at when the snow fell in the area to determine how long the body has been there.

"We will be looking at any possible evidence that may have been left in the snow," said Henry.

Police are asking anyone who may have been in the area where the body was found to call the Strathcona RCMP detachment at 780-467-7741.

# Politicos use the Net, OMG!

## Politicians going high-tech

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**Forget door-knocking and kissing babies, as Canadian politicians LOL with a mutating demographic of techno-savvy potential voters on Twitter.**

The social networking phenomenon has exploded since its launch in 2006, and now has a reported seven million users.

Politicians at the municipal, provincial and federal level are tweeting on a daily basis, reaching a subculture that may not receive political influence otherwise.

"It shows that governments are in the know, connected and paying attention to what people are passionate about," said Edmonton tech guru Mack Male. "Right now, young people seem to be big on Twitter."

Premier Ed Stelmach has a page (@premierstelmach), on which he and his staffers are followed by about 400 users.

Stelmach is becoming increasingly plugged-in, post-

ing some of his own updates on speeches, trips he has taken overseas and responses to heated provincial decisions.

"The premier is very interested, is very open-minded and wants know about new developments on this area of social media," said spokesman Tom Olsen. "It's a quick way to get information out."

The youngest member of Edmonton city council, 29-year-old Coun. Don Iveson, said using Twitter and social networking sites could be the next logical step for politicians keeping pace with the new millennium.

"I don't care what people are having for lunch, and I'm not following those people," Iveson said. "But I'm really interested in what people involved in other municipalities are doing."

Even Prime Minister Stephen Harper has jumped aboard the information superbandwagon. He's followed by, and is following, more than 9,000 users.

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# Local



## Sheriffs nab Easter speedsters

Alberta Sheriffs say they handed out more than 1,700 tickets across the province to speedy drivers over the Easter Weekend. And on top of the speeding infractions, seven drivers suspected of impaired driving were removed from Alberta Highways and three were arrested for outstanding warrants.

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## Pride in local selection of 'rainbow' literature

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**The city's official bookworms are promoting pride in "rainbow reading" after the world's largest bookstore punted books with homosexual themes from its lists on the weekend.**

"We reflect the diversity of society's interests and intellectual activity," said Edmonton Public Library spokeswoman Pilar Martinez.

EPL staff sent out a Twitter update Sunday to reassure readers they weren't

### Online 'error'

An Amazon.com rep has been quoted in various media as calling the exclusions an "embarrassing ham-fisted error."

de-listing any gay and lesbian materials.

More than 57,000 titles, including a long list of gay and lesbian books, were yanked from Amazon.com's sales ratings list Sunday, and made almost impossible to locate on the site's search engine.

A few titles began to reappear in searches by Monday afternoon.

Among the missing were Annie Proulx's Brokeback Mountain and James Baldwin's Giovanni's Room. Searches on Amazon.ca yielded 48 results under "homosexuality" yesterday afternoon, compared to hundreds that can be found on EPL's website.

Pilar said Amazon's faux pas reaffirms their decision to support the literature. Despite a few public complaints, the library has never removed a book with gay connotations.

## 46 to get gender reassignment funds: Tories

**SURGERY** Alberta's government will be funding gender reassignment surgeries for 46 people in the system, but those who are currently considering surgeries will have to pay out of their own pocket, confirmed Premier Ed Stelmach yesterday.

Stelmach's comments came within minutes after Health Minister Ron Liepert

told the legislature 26 patients will get funding for the surgery and another 20 will be getting approvals for funding. The government decided to cut the service from this year's budget, which could save roughly \$700,000 a year.

Several patients have already vowed to file a complaint today with the

province's human rights commission. The Alberta Liberals say a legal challenge could leave Alberta taxpayers with a bill that costs the same as the cutback.

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Jordenne Prescott leads the charge against cuts, VIDEO at: [metronews.ca/local](http://metronews.ca/local)

## Competition He's got skills



Slade, a Grade 7 student at St. Mark Junior High, uses a blowtorch to solder some copper pipe during a World Skills 2009 promotional event at the school yesterday morning, under the supervision of Daniel Messett of World Skills International. The highly regarded competition will be in Calgary this September.

## News in brief

**COURT** A self-proclaimed street pastor will have to serve a three-month sentence, which includes an 11 p.m. curfew, that will be served in the commu-

ty for hitting a cop with his car, a provincial court judge ruled. Peter Hans Schultz, 60, pleaded guilty to dangerous driving in January. **METRO EDMONTON**

## Mom faces impaired driving charges

**CURBED** A 33-year-old woman faces charges after she was allegedly driving drunk Saturday afternoon along Anthony Henday Drive with her 10-year-old daughter as a passenger.

Another driver called 9-1-1 and reported the vehicle to the city's Curb the Danger Program.

The woman's blood alcohol level was allegedly nearly four times over the legal limit, city cops said. The woman is charged with impaired driving, refusing to give a breath sample, and willfully causing a child to be in need of intervention. **METRO EDMONTON**

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What's online today.

**Video** Prime Minister Stephen Harper tours flood-ravaged Manitoba at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)

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Police in southwestern Ontario have released a video clip that may help identify a woman who led a missing Woodstock, Ont., girl away from her school six days ago. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Canada



## Drug abuse hitting Prairie towns

The problems of injection drugs and used syringes are well-known in Saskatchewan's larger cities, but smaller northern communities are increasingly seeing them, officials say. Last year, after a drop box for needles was put in a park in La Ronge — a town of about 2,700 people — about 1,200 needles were collected. Workers in the town were also called to pick up a small number of syringes left on the ground last year. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

## Bomb kills soldier, wounds 4

**DEATH** A young woman Canadian soldier was killed Monday in southern Afghanistan and four other soldiers were wounded when their armoured vehicle hit a roadside bomb, the military said yesterday.

Karine Blais, 21, was the second female soldier from Canada to die on active duty in Afghanistan. The first was killed in 2006.

Canada has now lost 117 soldiers since first deploying troops to Afghanistan in late 2002. About 2,800 Canadian soldiers are based in the southern city of Kandahar on a mission that is due to end in 2011.

**REUTERS**



An aerial view of a house surrounded by water during spring flooding of the Red River near Morris, Man., yesterday. Prime Minister Stephen Harper toured the flooding south of Winnipeg.

## PM says Ottawa ready to help with Red River flooding crisis

**MANITOBA** While Prime Minister Stephen Harper flew over an area of southern Manitoba threatened by the rising Red River yesterday, the province's flood forecasters predicted crests expected at the end of the week could be the second or third highest on record

in some areas.

Forecasters said the crest just south of the Winnipeg floodway inlet would likely exceed 1979 levels by 15.25 centimetres, and that overland flooding was inundating roads and properties never flooded before.

After touring the Morris,

Man., area in a helicopter, Harper said that the government would help out in any way it could.

"The federal government stands ready to assist in any way that is needed ... as the situation unfolds," he said.

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## Foreign spies target Canada

Commercial secrets valued: CSIS

**Foreign nations have stepped up their efforts to infiltrate Canada and steal valuable industrial, military and commercial secrets, the Canadian spy agency says in its latest annual report.**

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) also expressed concern about foreign interference in the country's domestic affairs, given Canada's multicultural makeup and large immigrant communities.

The report for the year 2007-2008 was quietly posted on the agency's website earlier this month with no publicity. No one

at the agency was immediately available for comment.

"Foreign espionage — the primary preoccupation of intelligence agencies right up until the 1990s — continued unabated after (the) 9-11 (attacks on the United States). It is in fact growing and becoming even more sophisticated and aggressive through the application of new technologies," the report said.

Foreign spies are interested in sectors such as agriculture, biotechnology, communications, oil exploitation, mining, aerospace and control systems engineering, it said. **REUTERS**

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### News in brief

**POLITICS** Politicians on Canada's West Coast hit the campaign trail yesterday for the start of a provincial election that could decide the fate of North America's first comprehensive carbon tax. British Columbia is the first province to hold an election

since Canada slid into recession, although polls indicate the governing Liberal party is headed for another victory over the NDP when voters cast their ballots May 12.

**SMOKING** People who smoke both tobacco and marijuana may have a particularly high

risk of developing chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), according to a new Canadian study. Cigarette smoking is a well-known risk factor for COPD, a group of lung diseases that includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis. **REUTERS**

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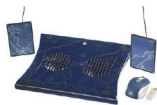


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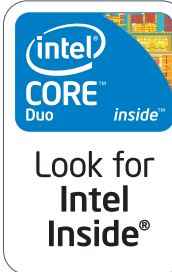
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# Comment & Views

## Comment

### Why are police camera-shy?

#### TheWestView

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A policeman's lot is not a happy one. Gilbert and Sullivan got that right. On the one hand, we expect the thin blue security blanket will keep our streets and homes safe, and maybe that expectation is unrealistic, considering all

the sharks and other predators on the prowl these days.

On the other, we depend on police to model saint-like behaviour as they try to control crime, and whenever they go over the line or even come close to it, we all shriek in unison: "police brutality."

As often as not, they go to all that trouble to arrest and charge the bad guys, who just laugh because they know some soft judge will put them back on the street to prey and prey again.

But whatever happens,

we should be able to count on the boys and girls in blue to tell the good guys from the bad guys. Here in Vancouver, that's not a sure thing.

Exhibit A: A recent photograph of newspaper photographer Jason Payne which appears to show him held in an armlock by a Vancouver police officer who was trying, successfully it turned out, to seize his camera. Police said the officer thought the camera captured evidence of police officers shooting a man inside a stolen truck boxed in by police. To be clear: the

officer manhandled a citizen and journalist and confiscated his property, even though the photographer had broken no laws and the officer had no warrant and had not made an arrest. The officer simply took the law into his own hands.

Coming after a number of high-profile incidents of police in Vancouver, er, upholding the law with extreme prejudice, including an all too similar incident when police seized the cellphone of a man who captured a fatal police shooting on a downtown street, you have to wonder

what it is about a camera that brings out the worst in our city's finest.

Then, of course, there's the infamous Dziekanski incident, in which RCMP officers Tasered a confused Polish traveller for the crime of brandishing a stapler, then tried to confiscate the cellphone video evidence after the event. But it was too late. That video now stands as tragic witness to police allegedly abusing their power.

Apparently, police are having trouble deciding which threat to pursue, law breakers or picture takers.

Surely they know now that everyone over the age of four has a camera phone, it's useless to try to stamp out video evidence. As in the Jason Payne case, there's always a backup citizen journalist in the crowd. So the police might as well just do their best in the full light of day. Then they never have to worry about who's photographing whom.

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## Word on the street: Twitter, Facebook or MySpace: Which do you prefer and why?

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age 18, Calgary

A: Facebook, because Twitter is really random and hard to understand. It's easier to connect with your friends on Facebook.

Jason Lammers

age 23, Calgary

A: Facebook, because it's easier to use. Myspace is more American, and Twitter is like a cheap Facebook with less applications.

Bruce Potter

age 50, Edmonton

A: I don't use any social networking type sites, I don't want my information all over the Internet.

Cathy Carpenter

age 44, Edmonton

A: I prefer Facebook, I can keep up with my kids. I even had to take a course about Facebook for work.

Sara Tchoryk

age 24, Montreal

A: I only use Facebook. I've never been on the other ones.

Vincent Goreham

age 24, Halifax

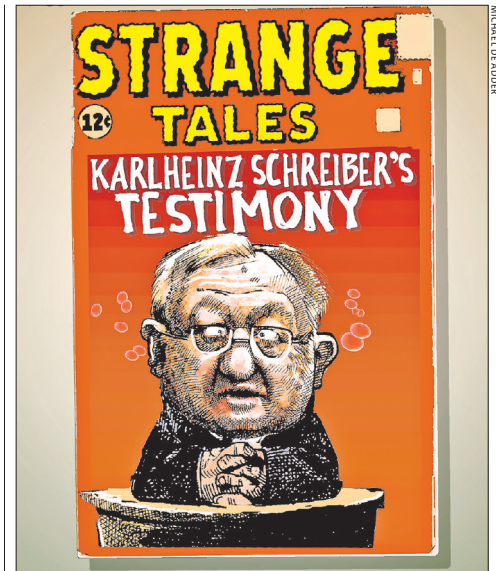
A: The only one I use is Facebook. I don't have a smartphone for Twitter. The only time I use Myspace is to check out bands.



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**Sharia law imposed in Pakistan's Swat valley to appease Taliban**

Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari, under pressure from conservatives, has imposed Islamic law in the northwestern Swat valley as part of a deal to end Taliban violence. **REUTERS**

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# World

## France seeks to stop forced marriages

**France launched a new campaign to warn potential victims of forced marriages and female genital mutilation yesterday, with stark posters and booklets showing a wedding ring made of barbed wire.**

France is home to an estimated 55,000 victims of female genital mutilation, mostly of African origin, and some 70,000 young women at risk of being forced into marriage, government officials said.

European nations have ramped up efforts to pro-

tect girls of Asian, Middle Eastern or African descent who are lured abroad and married off.

Victims of genital mutilation are often children of primary school age subjected to the ordeal during holidays, activists said. The operation is meant to ensure a woman's chastity and improve her chances of finding a husband.

France plans to distribute more than 100,000 booklets providing legal and medical advice and contacts for victims, doc-

### Saudi regulation

• Saudi Arabia will regulate marriages of young girls, after a court refused to nullify the marriage of an eight-year-old to a 58-year-old man.

tors and social workers.

"The booklets are useful for people who can read and write, but the majority of parents I talk to are illiterate," said Khady Koita, head of the European network against female genital mutilation. **REUTERS**

### Mexico Extraordinary seizure



Mexican federal police present weapons and ammunition along with Anahi Beltran, 20, whom they arrested during their seizure, in Mexico City yesterday. Beltran was caught near the U.S. border allegedly guarding an extraordinary arsenal of weapons — including an antiaircraft gun, the first of its kind seized in Mexico — allegedly belonging to the powerful Beltran Leyva drug cartel.

## Somali pirates seize two ships, attack two more

**INDIAN OCEAN** Somali pirates hijacked two more cargo vessels and opened fire on two more yesterday, including a U.S.-flagged ship.

The capture of the Greek-owned MV Irene E.M. and Togo-flagged MV Sea Horse showed pirates have not been deterred by two raids in which U.S. and French forces killed five pirates.

NATO officials said a Portuguese warship received a pre-dawn distress call from the Irene E.M. The East African Seafarers' Assistance Programme said the ship's 22 Filipino crew

members were all unharmed.

Hours later, the MV Sea Horse was seized about 143 kilometres off Somalia by pirates on board three or four skiffs.

Pirates yesterday attacked the Liberty Sun, a U.S.-flagged cargo ship, with rockets and grenades. The pirates were unable to board, and the ship was placed under U.S. military escort.

Earlier in the day, the Liberian-flagged Safmarine Asia was similarly attacked, but the ship was able to escape. **REUTERS**

## North Korea orders nuclear watchdogs out

**PYONGYANG** North Korea yesterday ordered International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors out of the country and said it would resume making weapons-grade plutonium, the UN nuclear watchdog said.

Pyongyang acted after declaring it would leave six-party talks on long-term nuclear disarmament in the country and reactivate its nuclear weapons plant in response to a UN rebuke over its launching of a long-range rocket. **REUTERS**

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**Vale Inco begins work on nickel processing plant**

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## Rescue is working: Obama

But U.S. data on falling retail sales cause stocks to drop

**U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday his economic measures were starting to work, but government data showed an unexpected 1.1 per cent drop in U.S. retail sales in March and U.S. stocks retreated sharply.**

Goldman Sachs sold \$5 billion US of stock, a day after the bank sparked confidence by beating forecasts with its first-quarter profit, saying it wanted to pay back \$10 billion in government bailout money it

### Bernanke hopeful

U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke said yesterday the latest figures on housing

and consumer spending suggest a rapid contraction in the economy could be easing.

does not need.

But a source said the U.S. Treasury was worried Goldman's repayment could make other banks appear weak.

Obama said moves to recapitalize banks, strengthen the housing market and

rescue the auto sector were "necessary pieces of the recovery puzzle."

"And taken together, these actions are starting to generate signs of economic progress," he said.

But White House economic adviser Christina

Romer said the economy was still contracting.

"We know the economy's still sick," she said.

U.S. stocks were around two per cent lower as the poor numbers for retail sales and producer prices offset better-than-expected quarterly results from health-care group Johnson & Johnson.

Outside the United States, shares rose on the Goldman Sachs results despite the weak U.S. data.

REUTERS

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**Beckett suspended six games**

Boston Red Sox pitcher Josh Beckett has been suspended six games and fined by Major League Baseball for intentionally throwing near the head of the Los Angeles Angels' Bobby Abreu last week. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Sports



## Zeke gets another coaching gig

Former Toronto Raptors VP and New York Knicks president and coach Isiah Thomas was hired by Florida International University yesterday to coach their men's basketball team. The Knicks finished 23-59 a year ago, prompting Thomas' firing. They never won a playoff game in his stay as president or coach, and his overall record in New York was 56-108.

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## Wings look to give city boost

**The Detroit Red Wings will try to give Motor City spirits another boost when they launch the defence of their Stanley Cup crown tomorrow against the Columbus Blue Jackets.**

The Red Wings march to the Stanley Cup last year provided one of the few feel good moments for the battered city and another championship parade would no doubt help lift the mood of Detroiters, who are at ground zero of an economic meltdown that has crippled the auto industry and sent unemployment soaring. While the NHL set an overall attendance record for the fourth consecutive season with close to 21.5 million fans passing through the turnstiles, the Red Wings have felt the bite of the recession. Even in the city known as Hockey-

### STANLEY CUP 2009 Playoffs

town USA sell-outs are no longer guaranteed and the champions are bracing for the possibility of empty seats at Joe Louis Arena.

#### Canada's hopes

Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver will carry the hopes of Canadians as they try to bring the Cup back to the Great White North for the first time since 1993.

The Montreal Canadiens will face off against the Eastern conference top seed Boston Bruins in the opening round, rekindling one of the NHL's oldest and most fierce rivalries.

REUTERS



Many pundits would argue that any hope of bringing the Stanley Cup back to Canada rests on the shoulders of Roberto Luongo.

#### STANLEY CUP PICKS

### Adam Proteau

The Hockey News

**San Jose over Philadelphia**  
**Conn Smythe Winner:**  
**Dan Boyle**

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**Detroit over Pittsburgh**  
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**Pavel Datsyuk**

### John Chick

Metro sports editor

**San Jose over New Jersey**  
**Conn Smythe Winner:**  
**Joe Thornton**

### Islanders win draft lottery

**NHL** The New York Islanders won the NHL's draft lottery last night and will have the top selection in Montreal on June 26.

It appears they'll have to choose between centre John Tavares and Swedish defenceman Victor Hedman. Under the lottery system, only the five teams with the fewest points could win first overall selection.

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### NHL Draft lottery Last night's results

- 1. New York Islanders
- 2. Tampa Bay Lightning
- 3. Colorado Avalanche
- 4. Atlanta Thrashers
- 5. Los Angeles Kings
- 6. Phoenix Coyotes
- 7. Toronto Maple Leafs
- 8. Dallas Stars
- 9. Ottawa Senators
- 10. Edmonton Oilers
- 11. Nashville Predators
- 12. Minnesota Wild
- 13. Buffalo Sabres
- 14. Florida Panthers

## Down and give me 20 Eskimos get kids on fitness kick



Patrick Kabongo of the Edmonton Eskimos, right, shows some local children the benefits of staying fit yesterday.

## Goss extends with Esks

**CFL** All-Star defensive back Jason Goss signed a contract extension with the Eskimos through the 2012 season, the club announced yesterday.



Goss

In 18 starts last year he accumulated 52 tackles, five interceptions

(two for touchdowns) and three fumble returns.

His 182 yards and two touchdowns on five interceptions put him at the top of the league in interception return yards on the season.

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### Sports in brief

**BOXING** Former boxing champion Oscar De La Hoya announced his retirement yesterday in Los Angeles. De La Hoya, a 10-time champion in six different weight classes, ends his brilliant career with a 39-6-0 record with 30 K.O.'s. De La Hoya won titles in the super featherweight, lightweight, light welterweight,

welterweight, light middleweight and middleweight divisions.

**HOCKEY** Joey Hishon scored twice as Canada earned a berth in the semifinal of the world under-18 hockey championship with a 4-2 win over Sweden yesterday.

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# Metro Drive

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## Mazda6 a winner

JIM ROBINSON  
for Metro Canada

The 2009 Mazda6 is bigger in all dimensions with a larger V6 engine.

### Getting there, as they say, is half the fun.

On a recent family excursion to the Algonquin Park area for a few days vacation, I booked a 2009 Mazda6 GT V6 because it was a double standout last year.

It won its category (Best New Family Car, \$22,000-\$30,000) at the annual Automotive Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) Car of the Year awards. Then it almost took the overall CO-TOY title losing by one, single point to the Hyundai Genesis.

The 2009 model is easily the best-looking Mazda6 yet.

From the front fenders back, you can see how the lines in some of Mazda's recent concepts were moulded into the overall structure. An example is a very subtle and elegant "S" curve that flows from the high point of the roof down and back to the tip

of the rear deck.

But the most pronounced feature of the external styling is the way the front fenders flare out like wings, and along with the five-point grille, gives the car the look of a broad arrow.

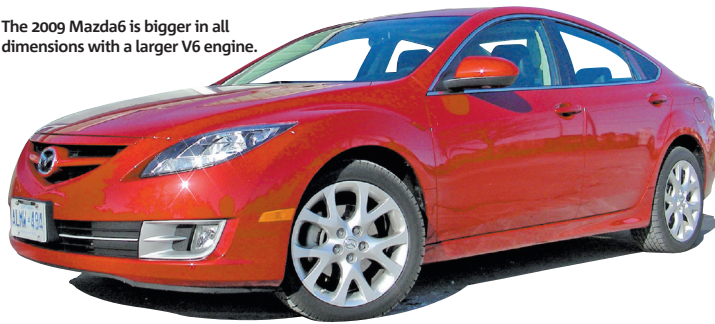
Starting with the RX-8 sportscar then the CX-7 CUV and more recently the 2010 Mazda3, this is now the signature styling cue for the entire model lineup.

The 2009 Mazda6 is larger than the previous version in

every dimension. Wheelbase is lengthened by 115 mm; overall length is greater by 195 mm, while overall width is increased by 60 mm.

The steering wheel has a nice feel to it and the instruments, with amber and violet display hues, are easy on the eyes.

Tested here is the GT V6, and my wife, son and I each drove the car and found the power driver's seat could be adjusted for three very different body shapes. The best part is, with three



### 2009 Mazda6 GT V6

**Type:** Mid-size sedan

**Price:** GS I4, \$22,695; GS V6, \$27,695; GT I4, \$27,695; GT V6, \$33,495. GT V6 as tested, \$35,460

**Engine:** 2.5-litre, DOHC inline four-cylinder (170 hp, 167 lf/ft) 3.7-litre DOHC V6 (272 hp, 269 lb/ft)

### Highlights

- New model larger than previous incarnation
- Blind spot warning system

memory settings, all of us could be happy.

One of Mazda's prime objectives was to include "Zoom, Zoom" in the ride and handling. In other words, the 2009 Mazda6 had to have the "soul of a sports car."

We all commented on the big brakes that are very solid in actuation that leads to a feel of confidence behind the wheel.

My tester was equipped with the blind spot system that lit up an icon in either mirror each time a car came into the blind spot zone.

## iMiEV going global

After months of speculation, Mitsubishi Motors has announced that its pure electric, four-passenger iMiEV will be sold globally, including Canada and the U.S., Canadian Driver reports. The iMiEV will be on Canadian roads as early as November 2009 as part of a pilot project in British Columbia, according to Mitsubishi.

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## Across Rockies on a tank of gas

ANDREA WOO  
for Metro Vancouver

Sure, it was an effective way to showcase a fuel-efficient vehicle and an eco-friendly blend of gas, but one big reason why four men drove two cars from Calgary to Vancouver on single tanks of gas was simply to stroke the male ego.

Last year, Halifax Volkswagen dealer Mike Velemirovich drove a Volkswagen TDI more than 1,100 kilometres from Halifax to Montreal to see his favourite hockey team play, the Canadiens.

This year, Calgary Volkswagen dealer Jerry Sturko challenged him to a repeat, but this time from Calgary to Vancouver to catch a Flames-Canucks game.

"I said to him, 'Well, (driving from Halifax to Montreal) is not bad, I guess, but the real test would be to take these TDIs over the Rocky Mountains (from Calgary) to Vancouver,'" said Sturko.

"It kind of grew out of

guys being guys, basically, into the idea of doing this on a scale to really test and showcase the vehicles," said James Tansey, one of the four drivers and president of Offsetters, a Vancouver-based company that works to reduce climate impact.

Along with Vancouver Volkswagen dealer Jim Tompkins, a consultant and a videographer, the group — dressed in hockey and referee jerseys — met in Calgary and piled into two Volkswagen TDIs at 4:30 a.m. on April 7.

Running on a blend of diesel and five per cent biodiesel, the two cars arrived in Vancouver 15 hours later — just in time to see the Canucks defeat the Flames.

"We (used) less than five litres per 100 kilometres, which is about double the fuel efficiency of the average North American fleet," said Tansey, who also emphasized the importance of driving intelligently by not accelerating and breaking hard.



(Left to right) Mike Velemirovich, Jim Tompkins, James Tansey and Jerry Sturko in Vancouver's Stanley Park last week. The group drove from Calgary to Vancouver on one tank of gas, and in time to catch the night's Calgary Flames-Vancouver Canucks game.

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CÉLIA PEDROSO  
Metro World News



Lisbon is one of the few European capitals that can boast excellent beaches only a 15-minute car ride away. Golden beaches stretch out either side of the River Tagus, the river that flows by Portugal's capital city before joining the sea.

During the day locals come to sunbathe in the dunes, stroll on the beach and lunch al fresco, and by night they let their hair down in the buzzing bars and discos. Now that smoking has been banned in restaurants and bars, Lis-

bon's party people have even more reason to spend their summer in these open-air playgrounds, with the sea as their backdrop. Here's our guide to the hottest beach bars on the Lisbon coast.

## ON THE SOUTH BANK: COSTA DA CAPARICA

### Delmare Café: Surf and fun

For the past three years Delmare Café has been one of the most popular places to hang out on the Costa da Caparica. During the day this restaurant and bar is a welcoming place for bathers and surfers from the café's surf school looking for a refreshing

fruit juice or lunch of salad or fresh, grilled fish. The party moves to the beach in the evening, with DJs and live music late into the night. Fridays and Saturdays are particularly crowded, with an influx of younger customers. (Praia Cabana do Pescador, Costa da Caparica, [delmare-cafe.com](http://delmare-cafe.com))

### Borda D'Água: Juices, milkshakes and loungers

This is one of the hottest destinations on the Costa da Caparica — especially with the Lisbon residents who endure long lines of traffic to get there. Have a sandwich or salad for lunch on the terrace, or move onto their part of the beach where you can relax on a lounger with a caipirinha, morangosca, sangria, natural juices or milkshakes in the shade of a straw umbrella. Borda d'Água becomes especially charming in the early evening, when you can dine on fresh grilled fish as you watch the dazzling sun set into the sea. Enjoy the cool tunes and a drink while you're cradled by the warm breeze. (Praia Morena — Costa da Caparica, [bordadagua.com.pt](http://bordadagua.com.pt))

## ON THE NORTH BANK: CASCAIS

### Bar do Guincho: Windsurf and sangria

Open all year long, the Bar do Guincho is a Cascais hotspot in winter and sum-



For three years, Delmare Café has been one of the most popular places on the Costa da Caparica.

mer. Guincho beach is a "sanctuary" for windsurf and surf lovers, with refreshing but angry waves from March to October, and the best conditions for windsurfing in July and August. Bar do Guincho is a haven for surfers with a shop, lockers and a large terrace for drinks, dinner and parties with DJs and live music. Sandwiches and toasts are a must, as are the salads and shellfish dishes. Try the house cocktail "Bar do Guincho," with Baileys and Coconut Shake, the caipirinhas and the white and the green wines. (Guincho-Cascais, [bardoguinho.pt](http://bardoguinho.pt))

### Bafureira: Sushi and caipirinhas

This bar-restaurant on Bafureira beach, S. Pedro do Estoril is famous for its caipirinhas, morangostas and mojitos. You can also enjoy a late dinner of delicious tapas and grilled fish and shellfish dishes or Japanese food at Sushinalinha, as their kitchens are

open until 2 a.m.

A fabulous setting for a glass of local wine in the late afternoon with a view over Cascais Bay, the Bafureira has terraces on two floors with wooden chairs and tables, and chaise-

longues with extra-comfortable ergonomic mattresses. It is a good spot for thirtysomethings and is easy to get by train, from Lisbon. (Praia da Bafureira, S. Pedro do Estoril. [bafureira.net](http://bafureira.net))



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Mark Wahlberg and James Franco have just signed on to a new film and they join an impressive group of co-stars. They have been cast in the comedy Date Night, which stars Steve Carell and Tina Fey as a married couple, Variety reports. **MSN.COM**

# Entertainment

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## Family Gal

Lauren Conrad has landed a new role — as the girlfriend of a dog on the hit animated comedy Family Guy. Conrad plays herself in the episode, in which she dates family dog Brian. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

## Films break the news

JON TATTRE  
for Metro Canada



As newsrooms slowly die across the country, one journalist is hunting for the killer. Well, a killer. In Russell Crowe's new movie, *State of Play*, he stars as a grizzled hack dodging bullets to track down a murderer, rekindling our love affair with silver screen ink slingers in the process.

Anne McNeilly, assistant professor of journalism at Ryerson University, thinks movies set in newsrooms are so popular because the work itself is exhilarating. "As soon as news happens anywhere, you know about it first. 9/11, how exciting was that? A hostage taking downtown, you know about it in a second. It's a buzz."

### All the news that's fit to film

Looking to investigate the journalism-on-film genre a little more closely? Here are Metro's suggestions:

- Shattered Glass
- The Killing Fields
- The Paper
- All the President's Men
- Broadcast News
- The Insider
- Absence of Malice
- Good Night and Good Luck
- Salvador
- Wag the Dog
- Blood Diamonds
- Capote
- Citizen Kane
- The China Syndrome
- The Year of Living Dangerously

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McNeilly started in small papers before working 25 years for the *Globe & Mail* and *Ottawa Citizen*. It was movies like *All the President's Men* that drew her to newspapers.

"Journalists get hooked on that adrenaline rush, because it's like a drug. You get so addicted you can't leave the biz," she explains. That excitement translates

to the viewer.

"I love movies about newsrooms," she says, citing *His Girl Friday* and *Deadline USA* as favourites.

"What's so unnerving (at Ryerson) is that lots of the students now have never heard of Woodward and Bernstein. They don't even know what Watergate is," she says. "They brought down a president! What's a

### Movie feature

bigger story than that?"

While her students retain some of the idealism of previous generations, they are already jaded and prefer a different kind of fictional news hound. "They like Jon Stewart or Rick Mercer. Some of them think what they are doing is journalism."

Richard Crouse, Metro's movie columnist, cites *All the President's Men* and another Crowe movie, *The Insider*, as great examples of the genre.

"The reporters in these films act as surrogates for the viewer. They ask the questions the viewer would ask," he explains. "You've got newspapers who are bringing down big, evil corporations or taking on city



Russell Crowe and Rachel McAdams star in *State of Play*, a political thriller about a rising politician and an investigative journalist embroiled in a case of seemingly unrelated murders.

hall and winning. It really appeals to people."

Crouse highlights Billy Wilder's 1951 movie *Ace in the Hole* as a newsroom flick that got too close to the truth. Kirk Douglas plays an out-of-luck journalist who risks lives to stretch a news story that

could save his career in Wilder's follow up to *Sunset Boulevard*.

"It's a terrific movie, but it bombed really badly," he says. "Movie historians think the journalists who were reviewing the film were so offended by it that they trashed it."

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Winter has turned to spring in most corners of the country except NHL fandom, where the season of ice extends into June with the onset of sports' most grueling and exciting postseason, the Stanley Cup playoffs. TSN kicks things off tonight with a conference quarterfinal contest, then splits coverage of the first three rounds with CBC Television. CBC will have exclusive coverage of the Stanley Cup Finals. 5 PM on TSN.



Actor Jason Priestley and his makeup artist wife Naomi Lowde are expecting their second child, his publicist told usmagazine.com. He and Lowde, who was sporting what looked like a baby bump, were spotted shopping over the weekend. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Priestley kid No. 2 on the way**

## Celebrity Buzz

### Zac's fan bribing

**PEOPLE** Zac Efron uses posters of himself as bribes, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actor always keeps memorabilia of his films in the trunk of his car to help him get out of difficult situations.

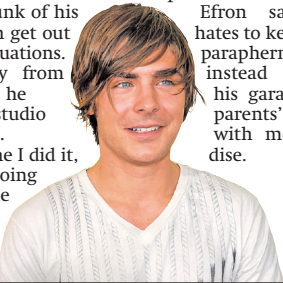
To get away from photographers, he pulls into the studio lot, he explains.

"The first time I did it, they weren't going to let me in. The guy at the gate was like, 'What are you

going to do for me?' I said, 'What do you want me to do?' He's like, 'I got kids.' And I was like, 'Well, I got a poster in the trunk.'"

Efron said he hates to keep film paraphernalia, instead filling his garage and parents' home with merchandise.

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### Lindsay copes post-breakup

**PEOPLE** Lindsay Lohan has celebrated her split from DJ lover Samantha Ronson with a new tattoo. The actress has had a famous line uttered by tragic Hollywood icon Marilyn Monroe inked on her wrist, female-

first.co.uk reports.

The phrase "Everyone's a star and deserves the right to twinkle" is surrounded by yellow, blue and green stars.

Though Lohan may have

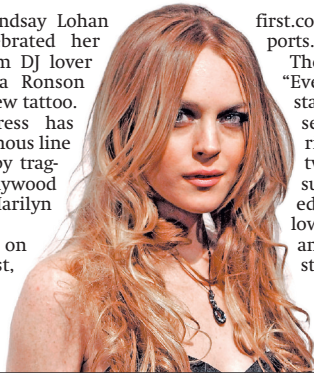
had her share of problems, she hasn't lost the ability to laugh at herself, people.com adds. In a new video posted at funnyordie.com, she parodies the ubiquitous ads for the dating service eHarmony.

"Hi, My name is Lindsay, and I'm looking for love. I'm recently single ... I think," she says, referring to her recent split with Samantha Ronson. "I'm looking for someone I can spend the rest of my life with ... or at least the rest

of my probation."

Lohan also references her DUI arrests by referring to herself as "a workaholic, a shopaholic, and, according to the state of California, an alcoholic."

In the video, she asks potential suitors if they can handle a "redhead with a little bit of sass, and by that I mean a redhead that's crazy," before rolling her eyes and saying, "Don't pretend like you don't know me. We've all read about it." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



### Who's Miley?: Jamie

**PEOPLE** Actor Jamie Foxx had some choice words for Miley Cyrus on his Sirius radio show The Foxxhole, people.com reports.

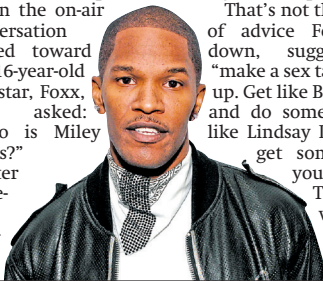
When the on-air conversation veered toward the 16-year-old pop star, Foxx, 41, asked: "Who is Miley Cyrus?"

After someone identified

her as the star of Hannah Montana, Foxx quipped, "The one with all the gums? She's got to get a gum transplant!"

That's not the only piece of advice Foxx handed down, suggesting she "make a sex tape and grow up. Get like Britney Spears and do some heroin. Do like Lindsay Lohan ... and get some crack in your pipe ... That's what I want."

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### New girlfriend for Chris?

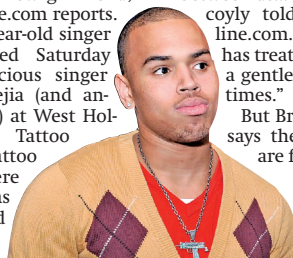
**RUMOUR** Chris Brown doesn't have a new girlfriend, usmagazine.com reports.

The 19-year-old singer was spotted Saturday with Girlicious singer Natalie Mejia (and another man) at West Hollywood's Tattoo Mania tattoo shop, where Brown has been inked before.

"Things are going well between us..." Mejia, 20, coyly told radaronline.com. "(Brown) has treated me like a gentleman at all times."

But Brown's rep says the rumours are false.

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### Mel's monster divorce?

**DIVORCE** Mel Gibson may soon be writing one of the biggest checks of his life — to his wife, female-first.co.uk reports.

With no indication that the estranged couple — who married 28 years ago — had a pre-nup, Robyn Gibson, 53, is legally entitled in their divorce to half of everything the actor-director-producer earned from their marriage in 1980 to the date of their legal separation: A fortune estimated at close to \$1 billion US.

"This could easily be one of the biggest divorce settlements in Hollywood history," says Los Angeles

family lawyer Lynn Soodik, who's not involved with the case. "Any attorney would advise her to take half."

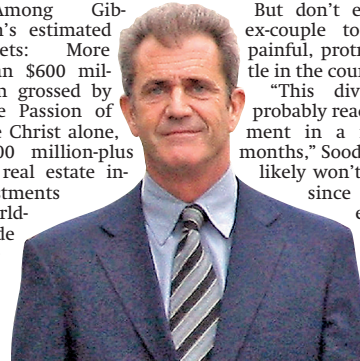
Among Gibson's estimated assets: More than \$600 million grossed by The Passion of the Christ alone, \$100 million-plus in real estate investments worldwide (he

bought an island in Fiji for \$15 million in 2004), and \$75 million for film and TV projects for which Gibson executive produced.

But don't expect the ex-couple to enter a painful, protracted battle in the courts.

"This divorce will probably reach a settlement in a matter of months," Soodik says. "It likely won't be messy since there's enough money to go around."

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### Scientology school for Suri?

**PEOPLE** The Daily Mail is reporting that Suri Cruise is getting ready to start Scientology school soon after her third birthday, and will be attending L.A.'s New Village Academy, founded by Will Smith. "(Mom) Katie (Holmes) is

understandably a little anxious about being separated from Suri," a source tells the paper.

But that's "not accurate information," a rep tells radaronline.com. "Students start at age four and above." **METRO WORLD NEWS**



### Too peach, not pregnant: Mimi

**PEOPLE** Mariah Carey insists she is not pregnant: She was just wearing a bad outfit, usmagazine.com reports.

On Sunday, Carey was photographed in a tight, peach dress with husband Nick Cannon. Blogs soon began speculating that she was pregnant.

"I don't know what was worse, the bleak angles and bright peach dress ... or the b.s. commentary/blogs," she said on Twitter.

She says she "couldn't definitely live without" seeing the pictures. (She also admits that her "dress and hair" were not suitable for the "red carpet.")

Her rep denied she and Cannon spent the day at a fertility clinic, but instead were with family.

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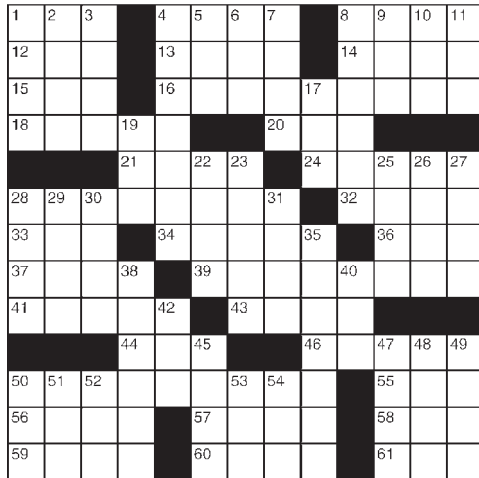
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### Crossword across

- |                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Bookkeeper (Abbr.) | 36 Zero                   |
| 4 Harvest            | 37 "Zounds!"              |
| 8 "The Amazing —"    | 39 Pretend to be          |
| 12 Clumsy sort       | 41 Decorator's theme      |
| 13 Beige             | 43 Ice cream holder       |
| 14 Vivacity          | 44 Jungfrau, for one      |
| 15 "CSI" evidence    | 46 Dutch cheese           |
| 16 Claim             | 50 Specify as a condition |
| 18 Match             | 55 Rep. or Dem.           |
| 20 Attempt           | 56 Aching                 |
| 21 Church service    | 57 Bread spread           |
| 24 Famous            | 58 Choose                 |
| 28 Count             | 59 Sport                  |
| 32 Unclothed         | 60 Hammerhead part        |
| 33 Before            | 61 Ultramodernist         |
| 34 Berate            |                           |

### Crossword down

- |                       |                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Last few notes      | vessel                | Buscaglia               |
| 2 Hunger symptom      | 19 Ostrich's kin      | 42 Winter ailment       |
| 3 Somewhere out there | 22 Anatomical         | 45 Sit down heavily     |
| 4 Undoes an amendment | pouches               | 47 "Once — a time"      |
| 5 Green, in a sense   | 23 Unemotional        | 48 Nitwit               |
| 6 Esses' precursors   | 25 Albacore, e.g.     | 49 Choir member         |
| 7 Short shot          | 26 Tend texts         | 50 Away from NNE        |
| 8 Trust               | 27 Drop a line?       | 51 Pirouette pivot      |
| 9 Carte lead-in       | 28 Abound             | 52 Savings-plan acronym |
| 10 Tabby              | 29 Jason's ship       | 53 Hearty quaff         |
| 11 Chemical suffix    | 30 Tempo              | 54 Placekicker's prop   |
| 17 Coffee shop        | 31 Ticklish           |                         |
|                       | Muppet                |                         |
|                       | 35 Castle's jail cell |                         |
|                       | 38 Nappy              |                         |
|                       | 40 Writer             |                         |

### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



8	7	3	4	1	9	5	6	2
4	9	6	2	8	5	1	3	7
1	2	5	3	7	6	8	4	9
7	4	9	5	6	2	3	8	1
5	8	2	1	3	7	4	9	6
3	6	1	8	9	4	7	2	5
9	1	4	7	2	3	6	5	8
6	3	7	9	5	8	2	1	4
2	5	8	6	4	1	9	7	3

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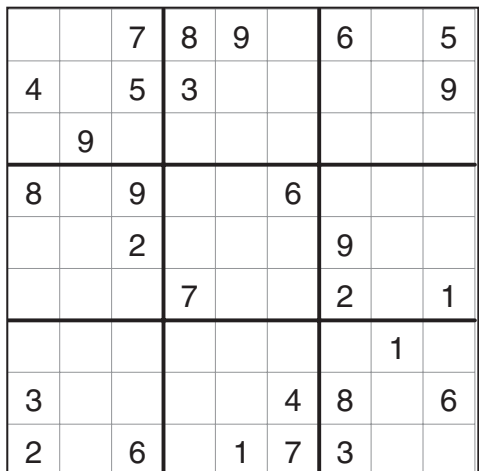
### SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- |                    |         |                 |                 |
|--------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Under 13 min ..... | Genius  | 17-21 min ..... | Smart           |
| 13-17 min .....    | Scholar | 21-25 min ..... | Not bad         |
|                    |         | 25+ min .....   | Keep practising |

### Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



### Metro Recipe of the Day



### Steak and Onions

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tsp (10 ml) olive oil
- 5 large onions, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) sugar
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) balsamic vinegar
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) orange zest
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 3/4 tsp (4 ml) oregano
- 3/4 tsp (4 ml) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) black pepper
- 1 lb (500 g) well-trimmed boneless beef top round, cut about 2 in. (5 cm) thick
- 1 tsp (5 ml) garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne pepper

#### METHOD:

- Heat oil in large non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Add onions and sugar, and cook, stirring occasionally, until onions begin to brown, 20 minutes.

- Add vinegar, orange zest, orange juice, 1/2 tsp (2 ml) oregano, 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt, and black pepper. Cook until onions are wilted and glazed, 5 minutes.
- Meanwhile, preheat broiler. Rub beef with remaining 1/4 tsp (1 ml) oregano, 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt, garlic powder and cayenne pepper. Broil beef 4 in. (10 cm) from heat until medium, 5 minutes per side. Let rest 5 minutes before cutting into thin slices. Serve with mashed potatoes and broccoli.

**SERVES 4**



### Horoscopes

### AVATAR VENUS

#### ARIES

**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
 A blockade leads to victory. Be alert when politics are an eye-opener. Diligence will help you avoid offensive remarks.



#### TAURUS

**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
 Grim people are causing irritation. Greater damage is done by work issues. Try on a new role as a "mover and shaker."



#### LIBRA

**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
 Uncertainty about income makes you work harder. Hang around with unconventional people. Refuse to put a damper on love.



#### SCORPIO

**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
 A colleague saves you from anxiety. Fresh theories about a cherished venture won't alter reality. A man is anxiously waiting for strength to return.



#### GEMINI

**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
 A stranger's motives are ambiguous. An authority figure has no time to focus. A non-stop talker is finally silenced by common sense.



#### SAGITTARIUS

**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
 A catastrophic conversation has a friend in turmoil. Get smart and build your field of dreams. Don't provoke a quarrel at home.



#### CANCER

**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
 A kind woman makes sure you're happy. Irrational anger continues to vex. A love story must be shared.



#### CAPRICORN

**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
 Take statements about opportunities with a grain of salt. Let others be responsible for making corrections. A petty tyrant is moody.



#### LEO

**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
 Explain your haste to avoid hurt feelings. Internet contacts expose a weakness in a plan. Plumbing problems become amusing.



#### AQUARIUS

**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
 Friends make you consider a change. A down-to-earth woman has a health issue. A visitor anticipates a good decision.



#### VIRGO

**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
 Your hands may be tied by someone's exhaustion. Be honest when discussing a crisis. A self-righteous friend disputes a duty.



#### PISCES

**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
 A shocking event makes you unsure about your next step. Get support by flushing out feelings of inadequacy. Prepare for dramatic events.



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